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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A PLEA

EARLIER this week we had planned a small congratulatory leader for Miss Hongkong's success at Long Beach, California. Our belated congratulations to Miss June Lee and our apologies to her that our "comment" did not appear. It is only we had to give the audience to the late happenings of the last five days. Even today our editorial felicitations must give way to a subject of more urgent moment. It is to appeal for common sense to prevail in these hectic days and we make the plea that this whole miserable affair involving the loss of three aircraft should not be allowed to plunge the world into new East-West tensions, or an outbreak of lukewarm war. Yesterday's "incident" involving the circling of an Air France airliner by four unidentified fighters must not be exaggerated and distorted out of proportion. The airliner was merely inspected by the jet fighters and there is in fact no proof that the jet fighters were Communist. It is to be hoped that Peking has already issued a directive to Hainan Island to instruct Communist fighter pilots to exercise extreme care in approaching any civil aircraft flying in the district. The shooting down of two Communist fighters by American naval planes and Admiral Felix Stump's order to his Pacific fleet pilots to be "quick on the trigger" in dealing with Communist planes were unfortunate. For they have heightened tension at a time when the Chinese Communist expression of apology and regret to the British following the shooting down of the C.P.A. airliner had brought a feeling of relief to people in Hongkong and Britain. It is surprising that America has announced it will continue to search for survivors of the airliner for there is virtually no hope now of finding any more. As long as American planes continue flying in the Hainan Island area the dreadful uncertainty of a new attack, followed possibly by grave consequences, remain with us. All thanks to the U.S. Navy for its prompt dash to pick up survivors of the airliner. But for their timely help the casualties would undoubtedly have been higher. But the search should be called off now so that the situation can return to normal as quickly as possible.

LYTTTELTON RESIGNATION

IMMINENT Lennox-Boyd Likely Successor

From Our Own Correspondent

London, July 27. The announcement of the resignation of the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, is definitely imminent. In some quarters tonight there was a strong expectation that the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, may give the news tomorrow. Over the week-end rumours strengthened that Mr Lyttelton had finally decided to return to industry and had offered his resignation. An unofficial statement that he had actually resigned was given first this afternoon by the London Evening Standard's Lobby Correspondent. He also forecast Mr Lyttelton's successor would be Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the present Minister for Transport and former junior Minister for the Colonial Office.

The departure of Mr Lyttelton now will be no surprise. It has been known for some considerable time he is anxious to resume the Chairmanship of the Associated Electrical Industries Ltd. His friends said he would not go while there was any crisis in the colonies and at this moment the colonies are free of anything so serious.

The situation in Kenya, as he stated a week ago, is progressing satisfactorily and he has behind him the long series of crises—Malaya, British Guiana, British Honduras, Nigeria, Uganda. Relatively quiet conditions therefore throughout the colonies favour the timing of his decision to step down.

There will be regret at his going not only on Government benches but among Opposition members, a surprising number of whom have come to respect his forthright attack on major problems and to forget the brusqueness of his attitude in debate.

TOUGHER OPPOSITION
If Mr Lennox-Boyd succeeds Mr Lyttelton he may find tougher forces in Opposition circles since the problems associated with his directing the Ministry of Transport have not endeared him to the Labour Party. But while rigorously attacking the Ministry of Transport, Labour members have learned to appreciate his strength of character. That strength associated with his knowledge of and continued interest in Colonial

affairs should make him an able head of the Colonial Office. The Colonial Office could make no comment tonight on the report that Mr Lyttelton has tendered his resignation but authoritative circles see no reason to doubt he has done so.

RESHUFFLE LIKELY
Reuter reported tonight that Sir Winston Churchill was believed to be contemplating an early reshuffle of his Ministry. Added force was given to this suggestion today when it was widely reported that Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, had offered to resign.

Parliamentary circles point out that sooner or later the Prime Minister must replace his Minister of Agriculture, Sir Thomas Dugdale, who resigned in Parliament last week.

His action was a climax to a controversy over a piece of Government-requisitioned land at Criche Down, Dorset, which was not returned after the war to its original holders.

MONCKTON, TOO
It provoked a "revolt" of Government back-benchers and became the symbol of the struggle between the private and individual and "bureaucracy."

The Ministers' resignation conformed to the British principle that the political chief of a department takes responsibility for the acts of his civil service staff, even if he is unaware of them at the time.

Sir Walter Monckton, Labour Minister and famous constitutional lawyer, is also believed to wish to leave the Cabinet to return to the legal profession.

Lord Woolton, who holds the Cabinet non-departmental post of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, is also said to be anxious to resign. He had a serious illness some time ago.

AND ALEXANDER
Another named among the group anxious to give up office is Earl Alexander, Minister of Defence.

All five Ministers named are in the Cabinet, and their replacement would involve a reshuffle of anything up to 20 Ministers in the Government—Reuter.



MR LYTTTELTON

PERSIAN OIL AGREEMENT

FINAL APPROVAL SOON

Teheran, July 27.

Basic proposals agreed between Persia and the consortium of eight companies formed to market Persian oil are due to be submitted to the Persian Cabinet later this week for final approval. Dr Ali Amiri, Finance Minister and Chief Persian oil negotiator, said tonight.

A joint communiqué detailing the main points of the agreement to end the three-year-old oil dispute might be expected this weekend, Dr Amiri said. Announcement of a settlement of compensation claims and counter claims between Persia and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company was also to be expected late this week, Dr Amiri added.

The principal of the eight companies in the consortium—Anglo-Iranian, Royal Dutch Shell, Compagnie Française des Pétroles, Socomec Vacuum, Standard Oil Co. of California, Gulf Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company—are expected to leave Teheran after the issue of the joint communiqué to take part in a plenary meeting in London.

The consortium will then be formally incorporated in a holding company.

AWAITING RESPONSE
Dr Amiri said the Persian delegation had provided British oil representatives and Embassy officials here with Persia's final views on the compensation issue and were now awaiting a favourable response.

Apart from the separate compensation issue the main agreement between Persia and the consortium is now in the drafting stage. Twenty legal and technical experts from Persia, Britain, France, the United States and the Netherlands are working daily to codify the understanding reached in the Teheran oil talks announced by Dr Amiri nine days ago.

Dr Amiri indicated that compensation would be "very little, much less than expected," probably less than £30 million. He forecast the Persian oil production in the first year of the agreement would be 13,000,000 tons, in the second year 20,000,000 tons and in the third year 27,000,000 tons.

40-YEAR PACT
He added, in his statement nine days ago, that the period of the agreement between Persia and the consortium would be 40 years, with an option on renewal after the first 30 years.

The eight oil companies agreed last April in London to set up the consortium to find a way of marketing Persian oil again.

The Anglo-Iranian oil company's Abadan refinery was nationalised in 1951—Reuter.

Tory Rebels To Vote Against Suez Pact

London, July 27. The 40 "rebels" of the Conservative Party opposed to the Agreement on the Suez Canal Zone decided to vote against the Government, and their own party, after two meetings in the House of Commons tonight.

It was expected here that the Government would submit the terms of the Agreement, initiated in Cairo earlier today, for the approval of the House of Commons either on Thursday, or on Friday.

There is little likelihood of the Government being defeated if the rebels, led by Captain Charles Waterhouse, do vote against the Government, since it will have the support of the Labour Party.

The rebels will, however, have a chance of showing their disapproval when the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, makes a statement on the Agreement tomorrow.

Chief points of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement are:

1. The evacuation of British troops from the Canal Zone within 20 months;
2. Reactivation of the base in the event of an attack on the Arab states or Turkey;
3. The duration of the new agreement to be seven years;
4. The base to be maintained by a British civilian contracting firm.

A COMPROMISE
Evacuation within 20 months is a compromise, settlement of British request for a 24-month period and Egypt's counter proposal for 18 months.

Britain has dropped her request for reoccupation of the base in case of an attack on Persia but Egypt has conceded reopening should Turkey be involved.

Britain had asked for a 20-year term for the agreement when negotiations were opened recently but Egypt stood firm on the seven-year period agreed provisionally last October. Britain has now accepted this.

The offer to maintain the base with British civilian contractors was the main point of the recent proposals to Britain. Hitherto, Britain asked that technicians wearing military uniforms should be in charge.

SMILES
The initialing ceremony took place at 9.15 p.m. local time. The British Prime Minister, Mr Anthony Eden, and the Egyptian Prime Minister, Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser were first to initial it.

After that it was passed round a large mahogany table to other members of the two delegations. On both sides there were smiles and congratulations.

Colonel Nasser said after the initialing ceremony: "We want to get rid of the hatred in our hearts and start rebuilding on a solid basis of mutual trust and confidence which has been lacking for the past 70 years."

The evacuation of British troops from Egypt is the biggest single achievement in Egypt's national aspirations to date.

"I am now thinking of the next phase in our national reconstruction programme," he added.—Reuter.

Red China's Reply To U.S. Pilot

The Peking Government has informed the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr Humphrey Trevelyan, that it will make new inquiries from Hainan Island authorities as to whether any survivors of the C.P.A. airliner shot down last Friday were picked up by Chinese sampans after the crash.

This follows a request by an American civilian pilot, Mr Perry Outburth to fly to Hainan in search of his friend, Captain Leonard Parrish, one of the C.P.A. airliner passengers who is missing with his two young sons. Mr Outburth said he hoped Parrish and others from the plane were picked up by Chinese fishermen.

It was learned authoritatively today that the Hongkong Government had passed on Mr Outburth's request to Mr Trevelyan. Earlier Government had asked Mr Trevelyan to ask the Peking authorities to inquire into reports that survivors had been picked up by Chinese sampans based at Hainan.

It was learned that Peking authorities agreed to investigate these reports and later, on receiving the American pilot's request to land a single civilian plane at Hainan, told Mr Trevelyan they would renew their efforts to get information about possible survivors picked up by Chinese people living on the island.

Yesterday's reports from Saigon, said Mr Outburth was prepared to fly, a Dakota to Hainan alone without other crew members if the Chinese insisted.

Dr Otto John Writes To His Wife

Bonn, July 27. West German Interior Ministry officials said tonight that Mrs Lucy John, wife of the former West German security chief, Dr Otto John, had received two letters from him since he vanished in East Berlin a week ago.

They said one letter, hastily written, told her not to worry about her husband. This letter did not carry a sender's address. It had apparently been smuggled from wherever he was kept, and had been mailed in West Berlin.

The second letter was more detailed and apparently was written with the consent of the Communists, the officials said. It carried an East Berlin Post office address and contained "political statements."

The officials said they could disclose no details. Both letters had been filed in the Interior Ministry's dossier on the John case.—Reuter.

Mendes-France To Meet Mr Eisenhower

Paris, July 27. Reliable French sources said today that Premier Pierre Mendes-France plans to visit Washington in late September to hold important talks with President Eisenhower.

Sources close to the Premier said he held the U.S. Ambassador C. Douglas Dillon of his plans. In the course of a 70-minute talk yesterday, he suggested diplomatically that it would be a good time for negotiating President Eisenhower's move to "have held ever since taking office."

Asked whether the Premier's heavy duties would prevent him from making the journey, he said: "I am counting on going."

America's Protest Note Released

"Barbarous And Lawless" Attack Condemned

Washington, July 27. The United States today demanded "appropriate punishment" for all Chinese Communists responsible for what it termed the "barbarous and lawless" attack on American and British planes in the South China Sea.

In two sharply-worded protests to the Communist Chinese Government, made public late today, the State Department also demanded that the Chinese Communist Government take "immediate effective steps" to make certain there would be no repetition of the "criminal" and "deplorable" attacks.

The two American notes, relayed through Britain, demanded compensation for the three Americans killed when Chinese fighters shot down a British transport on Friday, to touch off the incident.

The State Department, in making the statement public, disclosed that the United States had fixed the site of the late air battle between American and Chinese planes as approximately 13 miles from Hainan—"well over international waters."

The Chinese contend the American planes violated their territory. Two Chinese propeller-driven fighters were shot down on Monday. They had fired on American aircraft which were searching for survivors of the British plane.

VIGOROUS PROTEST
In noting this second incident, the State Department said: "The United States requested that a most vigorous protest be made to top level authorities of the Chinese Communist regime at Peking. Demand is made for adequate punishment of those responsible."

A further demand is made that immediate effective steps be taken to assure that there be no repetition of this deplorable attack and that the United States Government be informed, through the British Government, as to the nature of these measures.

Earlier, the State Department had announced the dispatch of the protest without making public the texts.

BRITAIN'S NOTE
London, July 27. Britain also addressed a note to the Chinese Government asking that disciplinary action be taken against those responsible for the shooting down of the C.P.A. airliner.

The note insists "that immediate measures be taken to prevent a repetition of the incident."

It adds that claims for compensation for the loss of life and property involved will be forwarded by the British Government on behalf of all those concerned.

Today's note—Britain's second protest to China over the Hainan incident—was delivered to the Chinese Government by the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, the Foreign Office said tonight.

The first was sent within hours of the shooting down of the airliner—a Skymaster of British Cathay Pacific Airways. The note stated the Government felt bound to point out that the reference to "fighting" in the report from Hainan military authorities was irrelevant.

"The British passenger aircraft was of course completely unarmed. It was, moreover, clearly marked as British and no steps seem to have been taken to check its identification," the note added.

STILL CRUISING
Washington, July 27. The two United States aircraft carriers, whose planes shot down two Chinese fighters off the Communist-held island of Hainan are still cruising in the area, a naval spokesman said today.

He said no orders had yet been issued to withdraw the carriers, which were instructed to search for possible survivors and wreckage of the British airliner shot down by Communist Chinese planes in the South China Sea last Friday.

It was noted in Washington that some concern was being expressed abroad about the continuing presence of the aircraft carriers in the area on the grounds that this might cause new incidents.

Washington officials conceded there was almost no hope of any more survivors being found alive now, but they said the American ships and planes were also scouring the region for the wreckage of the airliner.

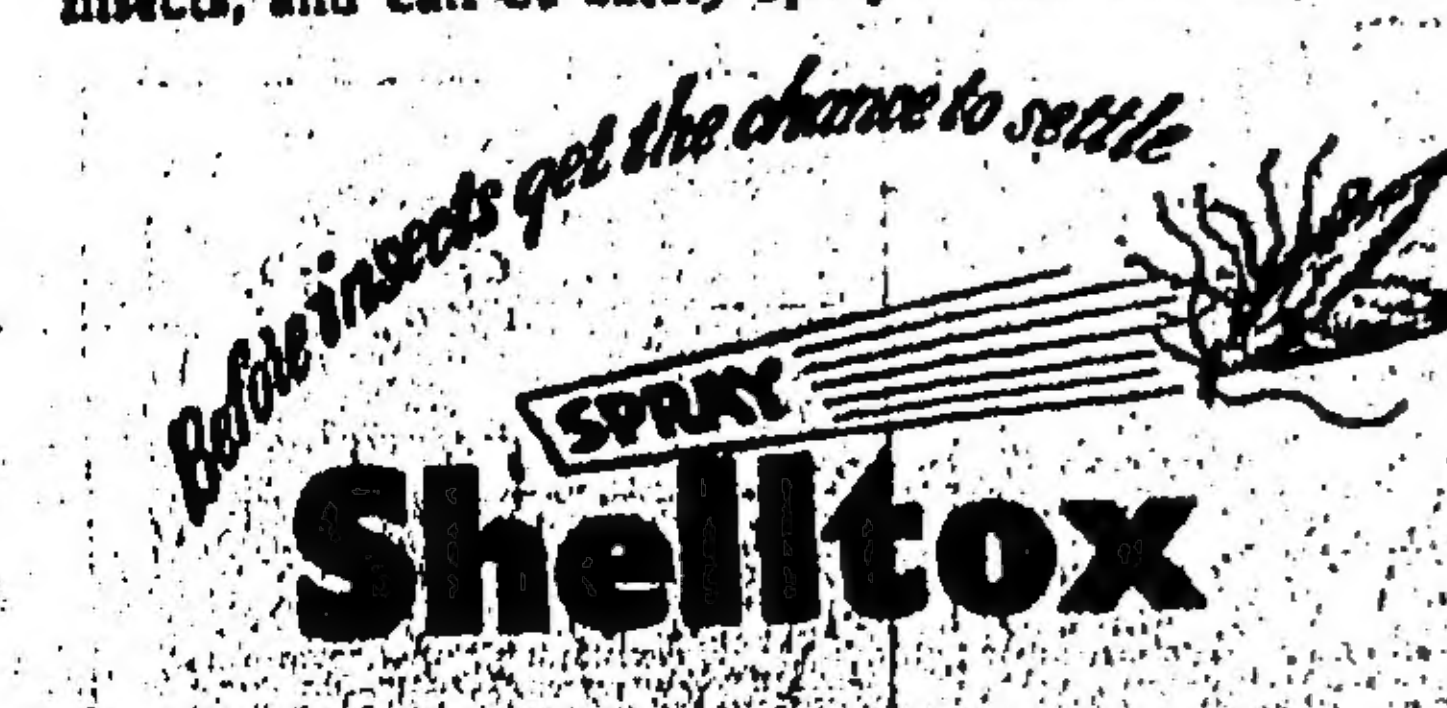
NO SURPRISE
The Peking radio announced tonight that Communist China was protesting against the shooting down of the two planes and the "invasion" of Chinese territorial waters by United States naval units, came as no surprise to official Washington.

The United States attitude towards such a protest is summed up by one official in close touch with the situation, who said: "Since when does a murderer protest against the arrival of the ambulance to pick up his victims."—Reuter.



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Mau Mau Escapees Eaten By Wild Animals

Nairobi, July 27. Lions, rhinoceroses, and other wild animals have so frightened Mau Mau escapees who escaped from Kenya's biggest detention camp at Mwanjani, 200 miles from Nairobi, two weeks ago, that only one of the 10 Mau Mau originally at large is now unaccounted for.

They saw one of the escapees eaten by a lion, and another chased by a rhinoceros. Eight Mau Mau were reported killed after they were

hunted by the police after a five-mile chase as a result of information on their whereabouts given by a local Kikuyu.

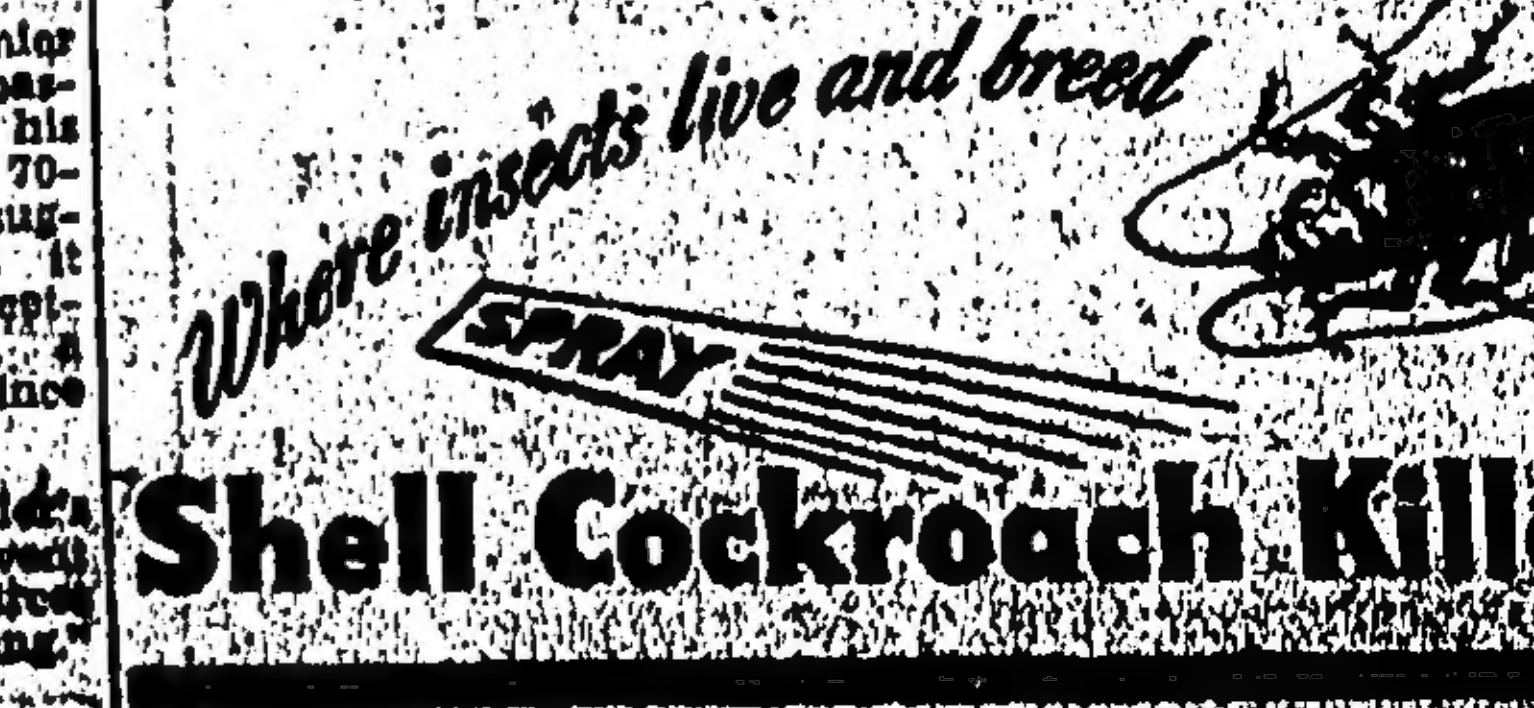
The prisoners said that they were continually harassed by wild animals, and had slept in trees for safety.

Kenya's security forces today killed 12 more guerrillas. One was reported to have been shot by African Mau Mau during an attempt to hold on a Mau Mau base.



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Successful Cease-Fire Conference

Hanoi, July 27.

The Trung Gia military conference which ended this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. achieved "concrete results" and it was thanks to the close study of practical steps to arrange a cease-fire in Vietnam that the cease-fire order "could be put into operation today in the north," a joint communique issued by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the Franco-Vietnamese delegation stated.

The statement released after the talks ended, said: "This morning, July 27, 1954, the cease-fire agreements signed at Geneva Conference entered into operation in North Vietnam. From this same day military activities in all other territories in Indo-China will be limited so as to cease definitely and completely on August 1. The Trung Gia conference opened on July 4 has thus arrived at the end of its mission and should end its work."

The communique continued: "After 23 days' work the respective delegations of the high commands of the French Union forces and of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam achieved the following concrete results: first the whole of the practical steps to bring about a cease-fire in Vietnam were carefully studied. Thanks to this examination the cease-fire order was able to be put into operation today in the north and it will be possible to do this at the same time in central and south Vietnam."

"Second, the carrying out of the agreements reached in the military commission at Geneva on the subject of prisoners of war was the object of concrete talks, thanks to which agreement was finally reached on the steps to be taken to improve the fate of prisoners and to see that sick and wounded were exchanged."

"Thanks to the joint efforts of the two delegations the military conference obtained good results and created a climate favourable for an armistice, thus contributing to the success of the Geneva Conference. It is now up to the mixed commissions to continue the application of the Geneva agreements until completed."

France-Press.

Brahmaputra On The Rampage

Calcutta, July 27.

Hundreds of persons were marooned on roofs in Upper Assam today when the River Brahmaputra rose 12 inches in 24 hours and burst its south banks.

The floods reached the house tops in the Salkhowaghat area in north-east Assam and are now racing toward the tea town of Dibrugarh.

Helicopters are being used in the rescue operation. Train communications between Calcutta and lower Assam were suspended today after a railroad bridge was washed away and reports were received that rain continues in that area.

Meanwhile, Communist Chinese authorities ordered the evacuation of Kunkheh Phanting, the Palace of the Panchen Lama, 40 miles from Gyantse, which is threatened by the overflowing Namchong River.

An Indian rescue party from Yatung, 100 miles from Gyantse, returned after it was unable to reach the town.—United Press.

BITTER RICE

Hanoi, July 27.

Grass fires blazed along 30 miles of the Red River delta's northern rim today as the Vietnamese sent thousands of coolies to burn weeds off the three-mile deep no-man's-land. They intend to plough the ground and grow rice on it.—Reuter.

Home Builders

Reading, July 27.

Forty young people from eight European countries are spending their summer holidays here building homes for Reading people.

Living under canvas themselves, they work by day with the Reading Family Housing Association who are building their own homes. In the evenings, there are debates and concerts, for the young people, who include students from Austria, Switzerland, Germany, France, Holland, Denmark and Italy.

Organiser of the camp is John Hodgess-Roper, son of the Reverend F. M. Hodgess-Roper who hopes that it will be a practical piece of work for international friendship.—China Mail Special.

Marlene Has A Go!



Marlene Dietrich in action at the garden party she had previously opened at Regent's Park. In aid of the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies.—Central Press Photo.

GERMAN SOVEREIGNTY

Senate Backs Eisenhower

Washington, July 27.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today voted to give President Eisenhower its backing in advance for any decision to restore limited sovereignty to Germany while Congress is not in session.

The Committee unanimously approved a resolution, which will be taken to the Senate floor for action, that the President "should take such steps as he deems appropriate and as are consistent with United States constitutional processes to restore sovereignty to Germany and to enable her to contribute to the maintenance of European security."

According to the resolution, such steps would be taken if "future developments make this desirable and in the national interest."

The Committee chairman, Senator Alexander Wiley, told reporters he believed the President had such authority without authorization from Congress but the Committee felt that a show of unity should be made in this matter on the part of the executive and legislative branches.

Senator Wiley said, however, that any arrangements between the United States and Germany

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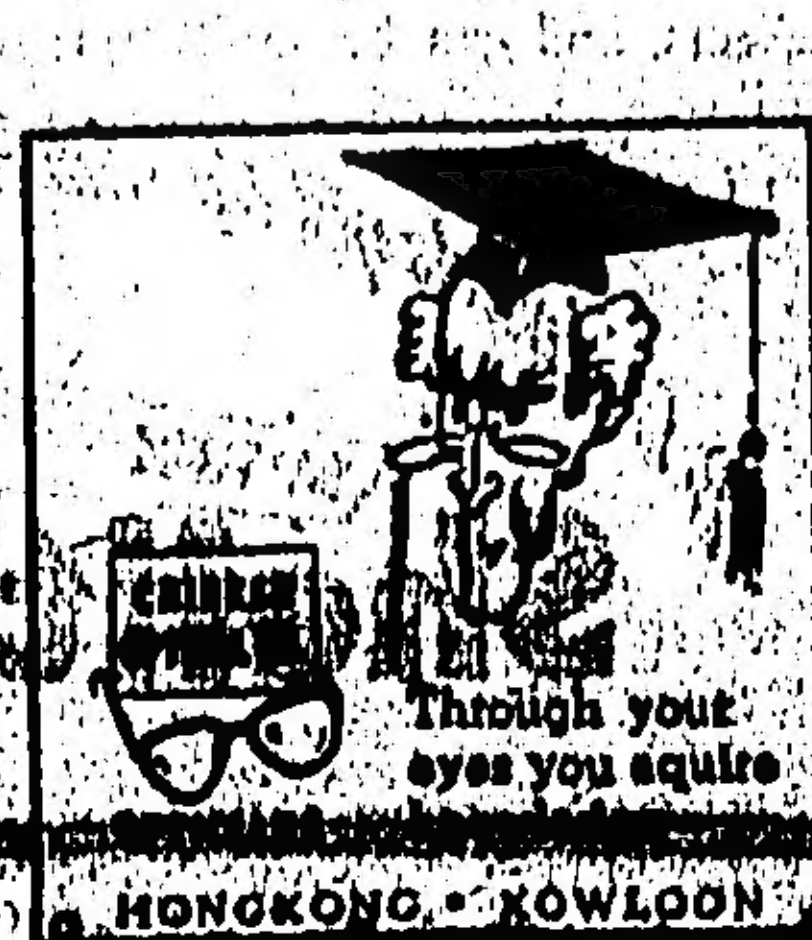
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Australian Papers Critical Of Stump's Policy

Sydney, July 27.

The Sydney Morning Herald declared today: "Nothing surely could be more ill-advised, whatever the provocation, than Admiral Stump's orders to American Pacific fleet pilots to be 'quick on the trigger'."

It added: "It is precisely because Chinese pilots are doubtless under similar orders that the attack on the passenger plane took place in the first instance."

"This is not the time for a rash or ill-considered action. The Chinese are too grave, too highly intelligent."

The editorial said that China's Communist Government must be treated as a reality. But the mere existence of the Communist Government in Peking was not a reason for a policy of "quick on the trigger."

"At the end of all this trouble, if the situation is not improved, it will be a disaster."

rejection of the Chang Kai-shek regime as the rightful Government of China. While Chiang is encouraged to believe he still has a chance to return to the mainland, there is much chance of reducing temperatures in the China Sea and beyond.

It should therefore be made plain that the democracies will not back any bid by Chiang to regain power and at the same time will not countenance a Communist invasion of Formosa.

The Melbourne Age said: "It would be a tragedy if incidents arising out of support for the discredited Chiang Kai-shek regime were to mean prolonging a war which frustrates help to peaceful co-existence."

The circumstances of the Skimmer shooting "do not warrant an outbreak of hysteria or whipping up an angry, belligerent mood," it said.—Reuter.

Propaganda War Starts

Hanoi, July 27.

A French Command spokesman said here today: "The fighting war is over, but the propaganda war has just begun."

He was referring to a letter from the Communist Government, aimed at persuading French-Vietnamese allies to desert.

Forty-five Vietnamese were killed in the last day's fighting in the Red River Delta before the cease-fire sounded this morning.

French Union forces began today to withdraw from a ten to twenty-mile wide strip of territory running northeast along the coast of the Tonkin Gulf from Haiphong to Munkay, on the Chinese frontier.

These troops also moved back from outlying posts west of Hanoi to the area's main town. From there, they will be withdrawn into a ten-mile circle around Hanoi within 15 days.

Four Communist kidnappers, 30 passengers and the crew of a Vietnamese junk at pistol-point and marched them to a Vietnamese area, it was disclosed today.

The incident occurred two days ago in Cantho province, about 40 miles from Saigon.—Reuter.

New York, July 27.

Support for the United States Navy's "quick trigger" policy was voiced today by American evening newspapers.

The Washington Evening Star said the pilots who shot down two Chinese Communist fighters which attacked them off Hainan Island were "fully justified."

"It remains to be seen how Communist China will react but it is well that the Chinese should know at the outset that our pilots are under orders to fight back if attacked," it said.

The Washington News said the pilots "responded in the best tradition of the Navy."

The Baltimore Sun said in a day or two the United States would be in a position to support the Allies without support of a decade's attitude.

"If they do not our position in the world will be weaker than ever. But when was a leader other than lonely?" it asked.

A Hearst newspaper, the New York Journal American, said the Chinese attacks exposed the "hypocrisy of Communist propaganda for peace and co-existence."

It also provided the final argument for withholding American recognition of the Peking Government and for preventing the admittance of Communist China into the United Nations.—Reuter.

REJECTION CAN ONLY LEAD TO ENTIRE RUIN

London, July 27.

Rejection of "co-existence" between the Western and Communist governments can lead only to "the ruin of the entire capitalist system," a Moscow commentator warned in the Soviet Government newspaper Pravda today.

In an article quoted by the Soviet news agency Tass, the commentator, Mr. V. Kortunov, said the principle of non-interference opens possibilities of "fruitful, peaceable co-operation," whereas "the policy of strength" could result only in "the smashing defeat of the aggressors."

The article said: "Today the attention of all mankind centres around the problem of relations between the countries of the Socialist camp on the one hand and the Imperialist camp on the other."

"The foreign policy of the Soviet Union is based on the principle that peaceful co-existence of Socialism and Capitalism is possible."

"Contrary to this, the aggressive elements of the United States resolutely reject the idea of peaceful co-existence of Socialism and Capitalism, openly declare that their aim is to overthrow the people's regime in the countries of the Socialist camp, and to restore there the capitalist system under the aegis of the American monopolies."

"The consistent peaceful foreign policy of the Soviet Government and its desire for peaceful co-operation with all countries, arise from the very nature of the Soviet social system."

"The circumstances of the Skimmer shooting 'do not warrant an outbreak of hysteria or whipping up an angry, belligerent mood,' it said.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS

"The economic foundations of the peaceful co-existence of Socialism and Capitalism are international economic and trade relations. Not a single country of the Socialist or Capitalist camp can develop normally without broad economic relations with other countries."

"The establishment of relations between countries is an objective economic necessity prompted by the requirements of the development of production. The expansion of business relations with the Capitalist countries, on mutually advantageous conditions, is an important means of settling the questions of business co-operation between the two camps peacefully."

"The political foundations for the peaceful co-existence of Socialism and Capitalism are respect for the national sovereignty of all peoples, and consistent and strict observance of the supreme principle of international relations, the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries."

"Soviet men and women hold the only correct opinion that every nation must itself decide the nature of the social and political structure of its country and that none has the right to force another system upon it from the outside, no matter whether it is a good or bad system."

Mr. Kortunov stressed that the principle of non-interference "opens up broad possibilities of fruitful, peaceable co-operation between countries, notwithstanding the differences in their social system," and concluded: "Under the influence of the inexorable logic of historical facts, the most frightened leaders of the capitalist world are beginning gradually to favour the idea of peaceful co-operation with the Soviet Union and China, and with all the people's democracies."

"They cannot but take into account that such co-operation brings about undoubted benefits, while the possibility of a military clash between the capitalist and Socialist systems, with the present correlation of forces in the international arena, is fraught with disastrous consequences for Capitalism."

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As for an exchange of information with Russia, the Prime Minister had said on July 20 that he regretted the Russians had not agreed to join in President Eisenhower's scheme for the international development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy. The invitation remained open.

Sir David Eccles, said he had nothing to add to the Prime Minister's statement.—Reuter.

The increases were ordered in a Presidential proclamation which accepted recommendations of the United States Tariff Commission after an investigation of complaints by the domestic industry that they were being seriously injured by the imports.—Reuter.

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The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowater, who dons new headgear for the time being, pictured at the Mansion House with the famous cowboy film star, Bill Boyd, who is in London on "Operation Friendship" with some 48 American boys. Also seen is Lady Bowater.—Central Press Photo.

Father Sold The Snakes

Natal, India, July 27.

A young man of the Kanjar tribe in Uttar Pradesh State killed his betrothed because she lost her dowry of three pythons.

The father had caught the snakes as a wedding present for his daughter in accordance with the custom of the Kanjars who earn their living by catching and exhibiting pythons. But an official of the Zoological Gardens in Lucknow had persuaded the girl's father to part with them for a sum of 100 rupees (£7.10s.).

The girl's fiancé eventually agreed to take her on payment by the father of a dowry equal to twice the snakes' value.—China Mail Special.

Philippines Requires 'Ironclad' Guarantees

New York, July 27.

President Ramon Magasaysay of the Philippines said today he favored a South-east Asia defence pact providing that the United States-Philippines Mutual Defence Treaty is implemented and that he gets "ironclad" guarantees that an attack on the Philippines will be considered an attack on the United States.

He also said in an interview with Newsweek Magazine that he wanted the United States to give his country "reasonable security" against external aggression under the mutual defence agreement.

Mr. Magasaysay said he believed that Indo-China, Thailand, Formosa, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, the United States and the Philippines should be included in any South-east Asia pact.

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Portugal Wants To Investigate Damao Reports

Lisbon, July 27.

The Foreign Office today asked the government of India to allow a delegation to enter the Portuguese enclave of Damao through Indian territory to investigate reports that more villages in the small isolated Portuguese territory of Nagar-Aveli have been seized by "nationalist volunteers" who recently captured the Portuguese enclave of Dadra.

The Portuguese note said communications between Nagar-Aveli and Damao have been cut. It said the proposed investigating delegation could be limited to only three men.

Some 40,000 persons live at Nagar-Aveli, which maintains only a police garrison.

The Foreign Office also announced that an assault by Indians on another Portuguese village, Dapal, was repulsed yesterday by club-swinging villagers.

New Delhi's demand for possession of the 500-year-old Portuguese "State of India" is considered Portugal's most serious current problem.

TROOPS ENTRENCHING? Portuguese Indian possessions total 1,500 square miles with a population of 850,000.

Commenting on Foreign Office charges that Indian troops were encroaching along the Damao frontier, the Lisbon afternoon paper Diario Popular charged India for "a Hitler type of operation."

The Foreign Office communique, with obvious alarm, had urged New Delhi to "abstain from any more or less badly-disguised attacks on our sovereign rights, which we will firmly defend."

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The 'Angel' Does Not Make Plans

Washington, July 27.

Lt. Genevieve De Galard-Terraube, a gallant French nurse who "needs a bit of calm," today accepted America's tribute to the men and women who fought and died at Dien Bien Phu.

The petite brunette nurse's bright blue eyes alternately sparkled and darkened as she recalled for reporters the heroic last stand in the Indo-China fortress.

"I don't think the battle of Dien Bien Phu was useless," she said in an answer to one question. "Of course, I don't know anything about strategy. I was there to care for the wounded."

"But we can't say it was useless because it proved to the world that France could struggle for honour... make very hard sacrifices... to uphold liberty."

The "angel of Dien Bien Phu" held her first press conference in Washington at the French Embassy residence after a hectic day of welcoming activities. She spoke in sometimes halting English, sometimes appealing to French Ambassador Henri Bonnet for the proper words.

"I need a bit of calm and silence, to how do you say—assimilate all the things that happened at Dien Bien Phu and here in America," she said with a shy smile when asked if she wanted to return to Indo-China.

Mrs. De Galard-Terraube wore the red ribbon of the Legion of Honour pinned on her uniform, an arm badge, pinned on to her sleeve with a safety pin, signifying honorary membership in the French Foreign Legion, and an insignia of the French Air Force and the military flying nurse.

On her left wrist was a gold bracelet, a present of her family to "remind" her of Dien Bien Phu, from which hung a medalion. On one side of the medalion was Saint Genevieve, her patron saint, the other, the year 1954 and her family motto: "In life, no jealousy."

She said she was "very moved" at the shouts of "Vive La France" down the streets of New York—"so moved I could not answer... I only smiled."

SMILED AWAY Mrs. De Galard-Terraube proved adept at handling reporters as many an older hand around Washington. She only smiled away one question—whether there was any special man in her life.

In response to one question, the French nurse said, "I would like to come back another time for a private stay... Now I am a symbol of the people who fought at Dien Bien Phu and all the nurses of the world."

Asked for her impressions on American military aid, she smiled and said, "I only heard about them. But I think they are very sympathetic... Their welcome proves they are true, sincere and spontaneous... I like that."

Will you re-enlist when your tour expires at the end of this year? "I don't know. In my life it is the habit not to plan,"—United Press.

Commonwealth Division Anniversary Seoul, July 27. The first British Commonwealth Division in Korea today celebrates the third anniversary of its formation.

In a special order of the day, the Division commander, General H. Murray, said the "job we came to do is not yet finished and until it is finished, here we stay."

Commonwealth soldiers were prevented by heavy rain from commemorating the anniversary at a representative open air drummed service of remembrance, band playing and robed dedication on Sunday.

Nevertheless, individual units throughout the First Commonwealth Division participated in church services.

General Murray said "the first two years of the Division's existence consisted of bitter war in close contact with the enemy. Last year has been the aftermath of truce and has required a state of constant alertness and watchfulness. We must be on hand to ensure that the risk of war breaking out again is removed altogether. It remains to be seen how long we shall stand on guard in Korea. Korea presents a challenge to us in our own regions and units and also as individuals. Conditions are not easy. We are bound to live a somewhat spartan existence and we must be in instant readiness for action. This challenge is being quickly met."—Reuter.

Secretary Dulles was unequivocal in his opposition to permitting the Nationalist stronghold to fall into Red hands," Mr. Allen said.

"He gave emphatic assurances the Administration will not permit that to happen."

But Mr. Allen reported that Mr. Dulles was wary about the demand for immediate inclusion of the Nationalists in the South-east Asian alliance.

"Mr. Dulles explained that some of the major countries considering this project are vigorously opposed to bringing in the Nationalists at the start."

"He expressed the belief that the best way to deal with this problem is for the U.S. to sign a mutual security pact with the Nationalists similar to the one with South Korea."

"Later, after the South-east Asian alliance has been organized, the Nationalists can be made a member."—Reuter.

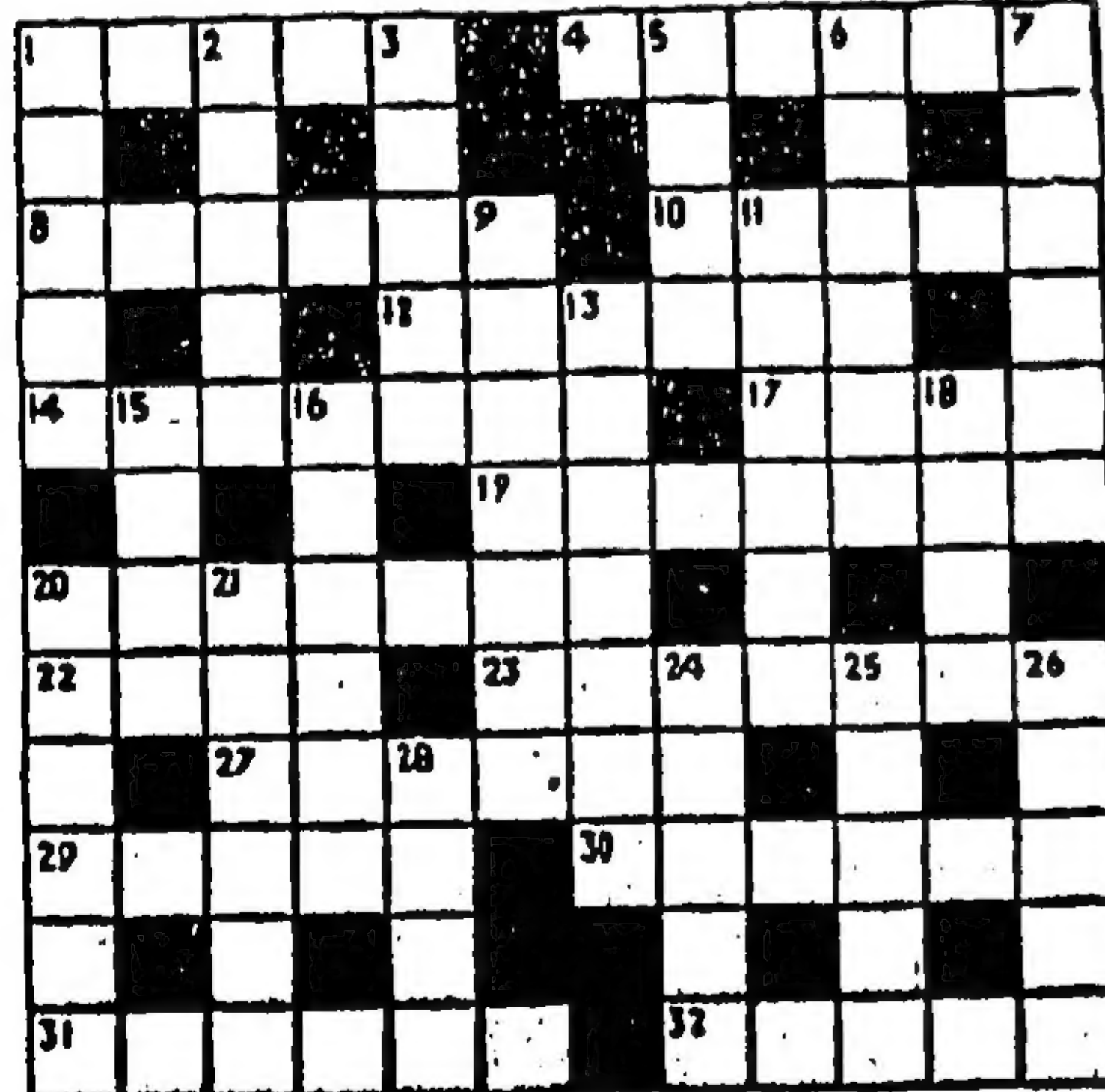
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Young horses (5).
 - Makes suitable (6).
 - Spilled (6).
 - Month (5).
 - Disagree (6).
 - Attain (7).
 - Part of the face (4).
 - Built (7).
 - Ratify (7).
 - On the sheltered side (4).
 - Closing hermetically (7).
 - Zealous (6).
 - Trunk (6).
 - Bird (6).
 - Last (6).
 - Frolics (9).
- DOWN**
- Punctuation mark (5).
 - Tree (5).
 - Vegetable (6).
 - Hard of hearing (4).
 - Bird (6).
 - Found the answer (6).
 - Different (7).
 - Writing implement (6).
 - Agitation (7).
 - Unruffled (4).
 - Deducts (6).
 - Notice (6).
 - Cave (6).
 - Approached (6).
 - Coral island (6).
 - Boring on oneself (5).
 - Class (5).
 - Obstinate (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Adulated, 8 Plan, 9 Retained, 11 Released, 13 Once, 16 Prohibit, 18 Deducted, 19 Head, 21 Minority, 23 Retainer, 26 Tour, 27 Meditate. Down: 1 Spirit, 2 Tail, 4 Dias, 5 Lead, 6 Talot, 7 Dodge, 9 Rapid, 10 Tropic, 12 Retic, 14 Chest, 16 Berlin, 17 Twice, 19 Harum, 20 Ailed, 21 Mint, 22 Nest, 25 Iron, 26 Yarn.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

You'll Learn From Any Bridge Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE criticize the bidding and play of the accompanying hand," requests a Chicago correspondent. "I managed to go down one trick at three no-trump, but think that four hearts would have been a superior contract."

"West opened the four of spades, and I played low from dummy. East put up the queen and returned the suit, knocking out dummy's ace. West got in twice with hearts, and was able to defeat the contract with three spades and two hearts."

"It is easy to see that the winning play is to put up the ace of spades from the dummy on the first trick. Is it correct to make this play if you cannot see all of the cards?"

The bidding is slightly ambitious, but not at all unreasonable. A game contract in hearts would surely fall against an opening spade lead. West would continue spades at every opportunity and the North hand would either run out of trumps or would have to allow East to ruff a spade trick.

The correct play at three no-trump is to put up the ace of

NORTH 24			
♠A3	♥Q9		
♦K876	♠KQ		
♣803	♥A432		
♠A97	♦KQ972		
	♣53		
WEST		EAST	
♠K8742	♥Q9	♠KQ	♥A432
♦AK	♠KQ	♥A432	♦KQ972
♣K8642	♠A97	♣53	♣53
SOUTH (D)			
♠J1005	♥A432		
♦KQ54	♠KQ		
♣KQJ	♥A432		
East-West vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♦	1♠	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
Opening lead—♠4			

spades at the first trick. When heart is then led, the spade suit is blocked. If West leads a low spade, his partner can win with the queen but must then shift Obviously, it does West no good to lay down the king of spades in order to drop his partner's queen.

The bidding tells declarer that West has a five-card spade suit and most of the missing high cards. If West has both the king and queen of spades, it will do no good to let the first trick ride around to the South hand.

South must begin the hearts at once, and West can afford to duck. If he has only one high heart, East will win (if the heart honours are split) and return a spade. West will then be in position to defeat the contract.

The only hope, in fact, is that East has K-x or Q-x of spades. South must put up dummy's ace of spades at the first trick, in the hope of blocking the suit if the situation is what he hopes it is.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West 1 Dnd. 1 Spade 2 Clubs 2 Spades 2 N.T. Pass ? You, South, hold: Spade 6, Hearts K-8-4, Diamonds K-J-8-3-2, Clubs A-K-J-8-5. What do you do?

A—Bid five diamonds. This game contract should be fulfilled easily in view of the fact that your partner's free bid shows extra strength. North should go on to slam if he has two aces.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 6, Hearts K-8-4, Diamonds K-J-8-3-2, Clubs K-Q-J-8-5-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

AN after-dinner speaker said to me once, "When the rotten eggs begin to whizz through the air, it is time for the peroration!"

I knew an unpopular speaker who brought a frying-pan to a dinner. When the throwing began, he caught the eggs in his pan, summoned the head waiter, and said haughtily, "Have these fried for my friends." The throwers felt very silly. So, no doubt, did the speaker, and—

Prodigious: One moment. Surely it is a queer dinner to which guests come provided with rotten eggs, and proceed to throw them at a speaker?

Myself: I admit it wasn't one of the really smart dinners. In fact, several cads had got in. I don't want to say too much about it.

The inhuman touch

AN electronic thermometer has been invented which will enable a nurse in a hospital to take the temperatures of all the patients in a ward at the same time. The results are registered

on a meter. All that is needed now is an electronic brain to diagnose and prescribe, and a machine for taking pulses in batches of 100. Then there will be no use for a bedside manner—or for a doctor.

Mimsie to be Miss Decibelle?

IT has now been proved conclusively that 19 pneumatic drills in a street register more decibels than 384 moving vehicles in the same street—so how can anyone say that the street in question is noisy? What seems to be noise is really nothing but decibels. If a helicopter lands on the roof of a hospital at the moment when a jet-plane is skimming by, the patients will not notice the decibels of the former.

Nothing to do with me

THE television audiences who saw an actress in a diving bell on the floor of the Pacific Ocean must wait for 4-D Eurotelevision, if they hope to see this done on ice with dubbed voices for the crustaceans.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

BORN today, you have a high temper and a strong personality. You want what you want exactly when you want it. You are demanding, and expect to get what you ask out of life. Since you have considerable talent to offer, you will probably not be disappointed. You have a tremendous amount of energy and play as hard as you work. To casual acquaintances, you may seem never to work—you're so flexible socially. But there are two sides to your nature—the playboy or girl and the serious worker. Fortunately, you have learned the great lesson of how best to apportion your time.

You would probably do well on the stage, for you have a keen sense of the dramatic and your imagination is vivid. You will want to leave a great deal. Although you may have some early struggles, your later life should be full of

exciting successes. Conventionally you are witty and charming, although highly critical. You enjoy the company of people as successful as yourself.

Highly emotional, it would probably be best for you to wed early in life. Select someone who has similar cultural tastes. Though you enjoy beauty and charming your mate must also have brains. If your marriage is to be successful.

Among those born on this date were Mary Anderson, actress; Rudy Vallee, singer; Alice Duer Miller, author; Guyas Williams, cartoonist; and Ballington Booth, founder of the Volunteers of America.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

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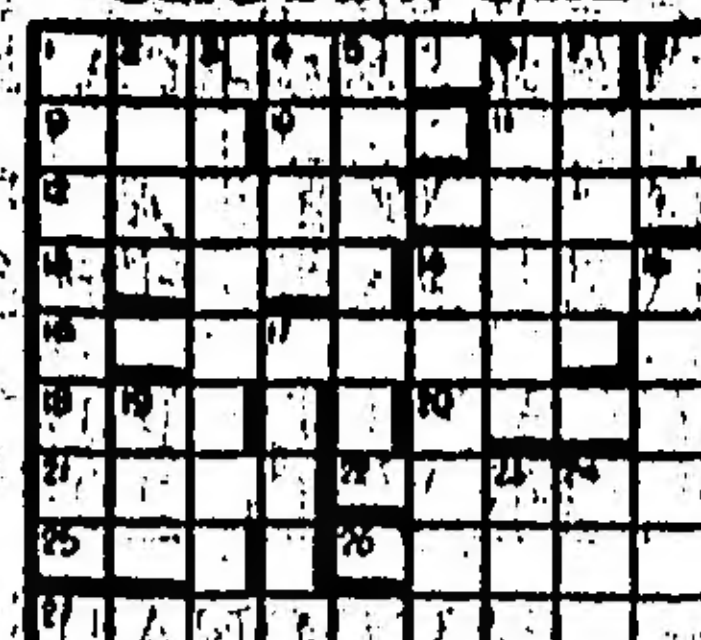
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CROSSWORD



- Across
- The birds to prosecute for food
 - Right before the first lady, (8)
 - Rubbishy textile beloved by students (8)
 - Mixed tea, (5)
 - Haystack with it in, (6)
 - This means profit to the mill, (6)
 - Just the pudding ingredients for a cold day, (6)
 - Crafty—but it looks streamlines, (7)
 - Linden is known for one, (5)
 - The late John Birkenhead joins this party, (6)
 - Starts but no street, (4)
 - The certainty of fate and the end, (6)
 - Blatant move may take him from the stage, (6)
 - Notable drum-owner, (6)
 - Saint's due (anag.), (9)
- Down
- These birds you down on either side and overhead, (5)
 - The middle of the Severn, (4)
 - Large white stone, (6)
 - Rainbow girl from Page Five, (4)
 - This kind of clothing is no longer wanted, (4)
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 - Draw out, (6)

Yesterday's solution



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Lovely In Linen



By VERA WINSTON

PERFECT for an important date or an informal dance is this charming dress, the fabric fine linen, the colour beige or pastel shades. Delicate detailing marks the frock which is sleeveless and has a simple, rounded neckline. It is tucked from neck to hem, the tucks widening in their descent. Bands of heavy cotton lace, dyed to tone, are inserted in curved lines on the bodice and hip yoke for a dressy look.

Household Hint

Never pour water into a hot glass casserole, either in or out of the oven. Glass ovenware can stand hot oven temperatures, but should not be subjected to a sudden temperature change.

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Expert Care For Different Types Of Laces

LACE, old and new, is in style again and we've been watching an expert caring for laces, not only Chantilly and Alencon laces, but fine cotton, linen and silk ones.

The cotton and linen laces were redressed with very thin starch; for some lovely silk lace, gum arabic was used. The powdered gum was soaked in a little cold water, then thoroughly dissolved by adding 1/4 cup hot water.

The solution was strained through cheesecloth, then cool water was added to make the right consistency. The solution should be thin—1 level tsp. to 1 pt. (2 cups) water is a good average recipe.

TEST FIRST

About the only advice that can be given is to test the laces on a corner of the lace or on another very thin fabric. Gum arabic may be a little sticky on a damp day, but it will stiffen as the air dries. Either the thin starch solution or the gum arabic may be tinted for coloured laces.

For ecru or old lace, black tea is said to be better than coffee. Lace is carefully washed, small pieces put in a glass jar with well dissolved soapsuds and well shaken so that every last bit of the lace is reached without any manipulation.

BASTING

Large pieces or extra delicate lace may be loosely basted to a piece of cheesecloth before washing. This will hold the lace in shape and give a little bulk for removing moisture and pressing. Silk and wool laces require cooler waters than linen or cotton. Wool laces may

shrink badly if not very carefully handled.

After washing, roll lace in a clean cloth to absorb extra moisture. In the meantime a table or board should be made ready for pinning. Put a pad on the table—a clean, well-stretched ironing board cover is best. Use new, small rust-proof pins. The dressmaker's type pins, so fine and sharp, are best.

Lay the lace out on the covered surface and gently stretch it and shape it. If it is a collar, follow the curve of the neckline. To pin a circular piece like a collar, divide it into equal sections, beginning with the inner circle. Put a pin at each corner, then one in the middle; then divide with a pin halfway from the centre to each corner.

At this point, with the curve of the neck partly shaped, begin to pin the outer curve in just

the same way and with the same careful division, holding the lace to a larger circle.

LAST STEPS

As a final process, do as the fine-lace experts do, and affix a pin in every heavy part of the pattern. The more pins used, the more beautiful will be the results. The professional worker puts a pin in every point or scallop.

Lace by the yard must be pinned along its whole length on the selvedge, and the edge of the board used to keep it straight. Then begin with the scalloped edge or point and lift it out gently to the right width. This requires even stretching, so that the lace will not look too strained or taut but will be of even width throughout.

—Eleanor Ross

Be Kind To Your Eyes

By Helen Follett

THERE is no telling how many susceptible males have been smitten by a pair of come-hither eyes.

A woman can be very old but, if her eyes are sparkling with merriment and good humour, she is still a beauty.

These points should make you realise how important it is to be kind to your eyes. Take care of them. They are the only ones you have and deserve good treatment.

When eyes are tired and the lids smart don't keep right on reading your mystery story. It is a shame to overwork eyes. This can ruin your sight and your appearance.

If the day has been dusty, use an eye lotion, then apply cold compresses.

If the print blurs when you read, you can bet your best bonnet that you need glasses. Do not delay going to the oculist for an examination.

When you select glasses, make a careful survey of frames so you will have specs that are smart and becoming.

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A Most Wonderful Pet

—She was the Only Cat Who Could Laugh—

By MAX TRELL

KNARE, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, found his friend Mr Punch sitting under the window, drawing a picture.

"May I look at it?" Knare asked.

Mr Punch said: "Certainly. I hope you can recognise what it is."

Knare came around and looked at the picture that Mr Punch was drawing. "It's a cat," he said.

A Much Missed Pet

Mr Punch did a curious thing. At first he nodded. Then he smiled. Then he sighed. Then he shook his head.

"But it is a cat," Knare said, thinking that Mr Punch had not heard him right.

"It's more than a cat," said Mr Punch. "It's my old cat that I used to have when I was a boy. She was one of the best friends I ever had. I've drawn her just as I remember her. She isn't here any more, of course."

"Oh, where is she?" asked Knare.

"In a cat Heaven, I guess," said Mr Punch. "I'm sure she lives on milk from the Milky Way, and chases mice across the moon. There never was a cat like my old cat."

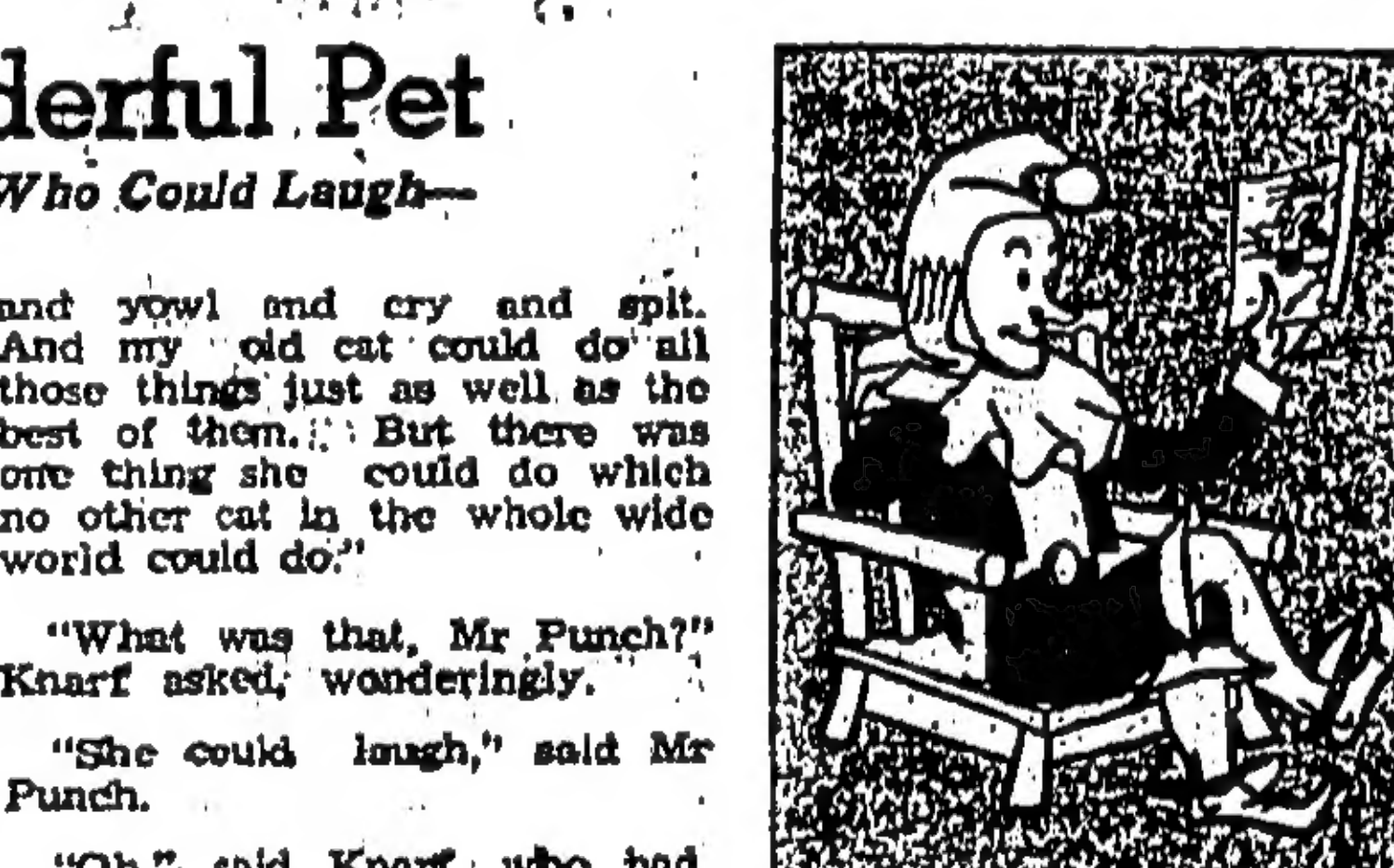
Mr Punch sat silently, looking quietly at the picture of his dear old cat. "I suppose," he said at last, to Knare, "you'd like to know what made my old cat so much different and better and more remarkable and wonderful than other old cats."

"I'll tell you," said Mr Punch. "My old cat, Knare, was a cat who could laugh."

"What? A cat who could laugh?" asked Knare.

"Yes," said Knare. "I'd like to know what made your old cat so much different and better and more remarkable and wonderful than other old cats."

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Mr Punch made a picture of his cat as he remembered her.

for washing my face with a cloth when she used her paw."

"She certainly had a lot to laugh about," said Knare in a surprised voice.

What Made A Cat Laugh?

"Oh, there was more than that," said Mr Punch. "She laughed at me for blaming her for chasing birds when I ate roast chicken; roast duck and roast turkey. She laughed at me for walking tiptoe so as not to make any noise while she walked tiptoe on all four legs and made much less noise than I did. She laughed at me for putting on a coat when she had a coat that grew right on. She laughed at me for trying to sing. She laughed at me for trying to jump. She laughed at me for falling. But the only thing she didn't laugh at me for was for drinking milk. She liked milk too well herself ever to laugh at it."

"That's what I never could quite find out," said Mr Punch. "But just the same, I think I know. She laughed at me for not being able to walk along the top edge of a fence. She laughed at me for not having whiskers. She laughed at me for staying awake all day and sleeping all night while she stayed awake all day and asleep all night, just catching cat naps in between. She laughed at me."

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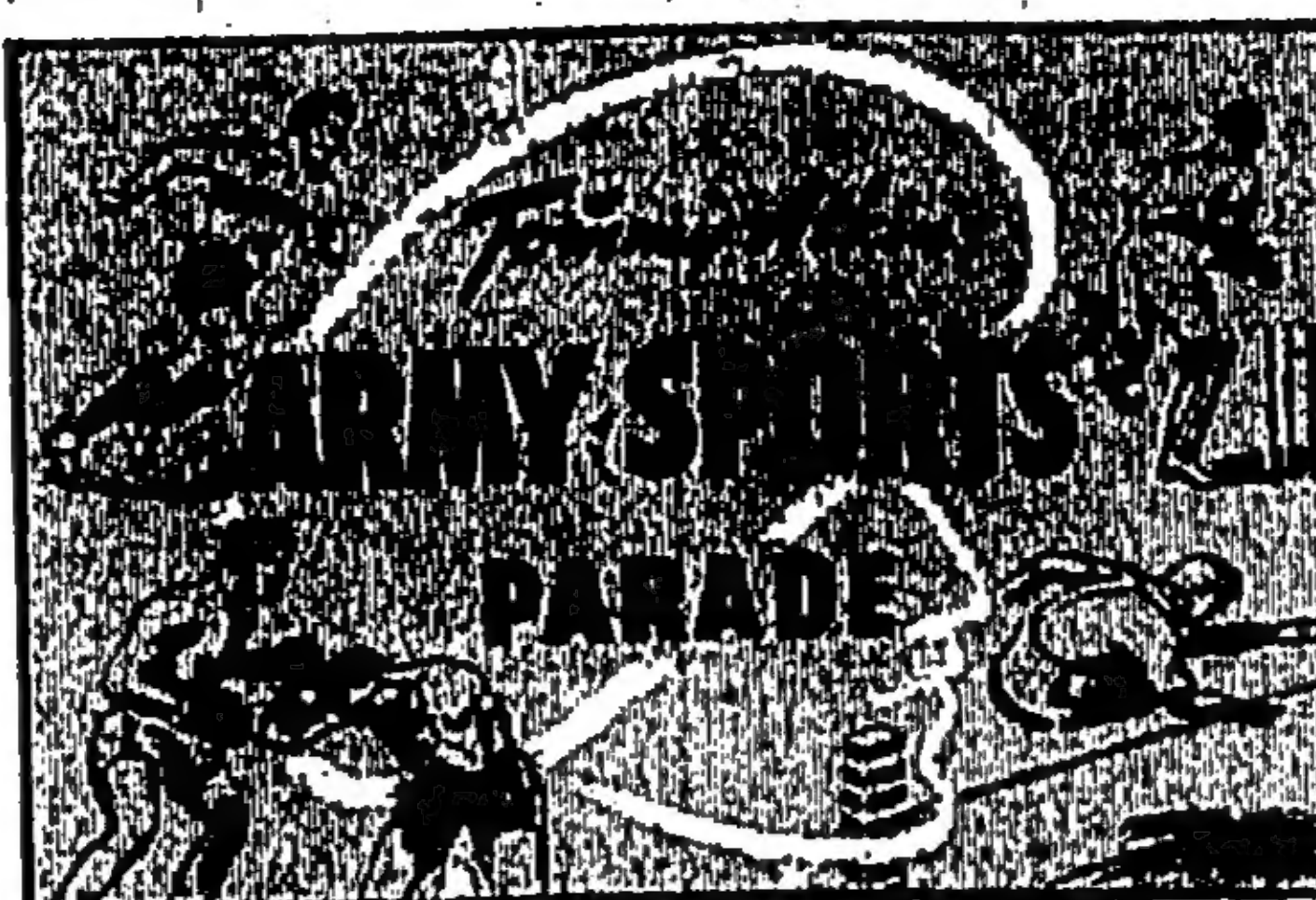


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Hongkong, 27th July, 1954.

French Himalayan Expedition

Paris, July 27.

The advance party of an eight-man French
Himalayan expedition was due to leave Paris to-
night on the first stage of their journey to Mount
Makalu, which rises to 27,787 feet some 20 miles
south-east of Mount Everest.

The expedition, led by Jean
Franco, intends to reconnoitre
the hitherto unexplored peak
until next November, when it
will return and prepare for
the final assault, which it hopes
to make in March, 1955.

During their four-month
stay in the region, the mem-
bers of the expedition will

test the ultra-modern equip-
ment.

The leader of the expedition,
Jean Franco, told the Agence
France-Presse that the climb
would certainly be the hardest
in his career. Franco had been
a mountaineer for 20 years, and
directed the French National
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Drastic Revision Of Swedish Liquor Laws

Stockholm, July 27.

A drastic revision of the Swedish liquor laws,
which will take effect from October 1, 1955, has
been one of the main talking points in Sweden
this spring.

The country's present stringent liquor laws
date back to 1916. Originally instituted to check
the widespread drunkenness among the working
classes in the first decades of the century, these
laws give the Swedish Government complete
control over the purchase and sale of alcohol and
wines, while the consumption of the individual
citizen is checked by a rationing system.

The main feature of this
revision is the liquor
ration book, the so-called
"Motbok", which every Swede
can obtain at the age of 21 and
in which his purchases of spirits
are registered.

The average male citizen can
only buy up to three litres
(about 3 quarts) of alcohol a
month. Women are restricted
to one litre (one quart), and
lose their book on marriage.
Though unrationed, wine can
also only be bought on the
book.

Swedish beer, on the other
hand, which only has an alcohol
content of 2.0 per cent, is sold
without any restrictions.

STANDING JOKE
The liquor authorities keep a
close watch on book holders
and are liable to cancel the
books of those who behave
drunkenly in public and can
even refuse books to persons
with crime records.

It is a standing joke in
Sweden that liquor officials have
more information about the
private citizen than the police.
Another feature of the liquor
laws is the restrictions on serv-
ing alcohol in restaurants. At
present, the quota for a male
guest is 15 centilitres and for a
female guest 7.5 centilitres. No
alcohol may be served without
food.

This regulation has led to
there being practically no bars

in Sweden. In those that exist,
guests are served with and
have to pay for a token meal.

There are, of course, ways
and means for those who know
how to get round the present
restaurant restriction.

"DRINK CHECKS"
The trick is that while a
waiter does not show "drink
checks" for more than the per-
mitted quantity in connection
with each guest's food order, it
is possible to "switch" extra
"drink checks" for one guest
and show them for one guest
purposes, in connection with the
food order of another, who is
not drinking.

But the customer has to know
—or tip—the waiter or waitress
very well. Waiters will not
take the risk of serving extra
drinks if they fear that the
guest might get noticeably
drunk.

It is undoubtedly for this
reason that so many Swedes
keep to one particular restaurant
where they know the waiters
and are known.

"LIQUOR SPIES"
Up to about two months ago,
the liquor authorities employed
a small number of so-called
"liquor spies", or snooters, who
visited restaurants to observe
guests to see whether the
regulations were being broken.
This practice was discontinued
for economy reasons, but in
fact it had no more than a
slight moral significance as there
were not more than six such
snooters in the whole country.

Recent years have seen the
abolition of the liquor rationing
system, which is
generally considered an in-
fringement of individual liberty,
has been steadily growing in
Sweden during the last 15 years
and in 1944 a Parliamentary
Committee was set up to in-
vestigate the possibility of abolishing
the "Motbok".

The decision to abolish the
"Motbok" and ease the restau-
rant restrictions was finally
carried in the second House of
the Swedish Parliament this
spring, by 171 votes for to 27
votes against.

When the new laws take
effect, any Swede over 21 will
be able to buy as much alcohol as
he likes. There will be no re-
strictions on his consumption of
spirits in restaurants, although
he will still have to buy a
sandwich with his drink.

STRONG BEER
Parliament has also decided
that the so-called strong beer,
which has hitherto gone solely
for export and only been avail-
able to the Swedes on medical
certificates, will be served in
restaurants holding liquor
licences and in some wine
restaurants.

The measures which will take
effect next year to loosen up
the liquor laws will be offset by
a taxation system which favours
lighter wines at the expense of
strong liquor.

Parliament has also voted
2,300,000 crowns (about £153,-
400 sterling) for the purposes
of furthering education concern-
ing the dangers of alcohol.

In the debate preceding the
decision, the Swedish Minister
of Finance, Mr. Per Edvin
Bjorklund, stated that Sweden was
the only country in the world
which had tried to prevent
abuse of alcohol by rationing,
and that she must admit having
failed.

FROM VIKING AGE
One Conservative member de-
clared: "We must get rid of our
barbarous drinking habits, which
have come down to us from the
Viking age," while another
member, belonging to the
Agrarian party, stated: "The
alcohol question is being de-
bated as if Sweden were an
occupied country on the eve of
liberation."

The general feeling of the
country was summed up by
another Conservative, who said
of the reform: "It will surely
create a better psychological
basis for sobriety than the old
system."

Meanwhile, the author of the
old system, Mr. Ivan Bratt, who
considered that the change-over
will be too rapid, told the Press
that the people who were "let
loose" the "Motbok" in
fall swoop "do not know what
they are doing".—China Mail
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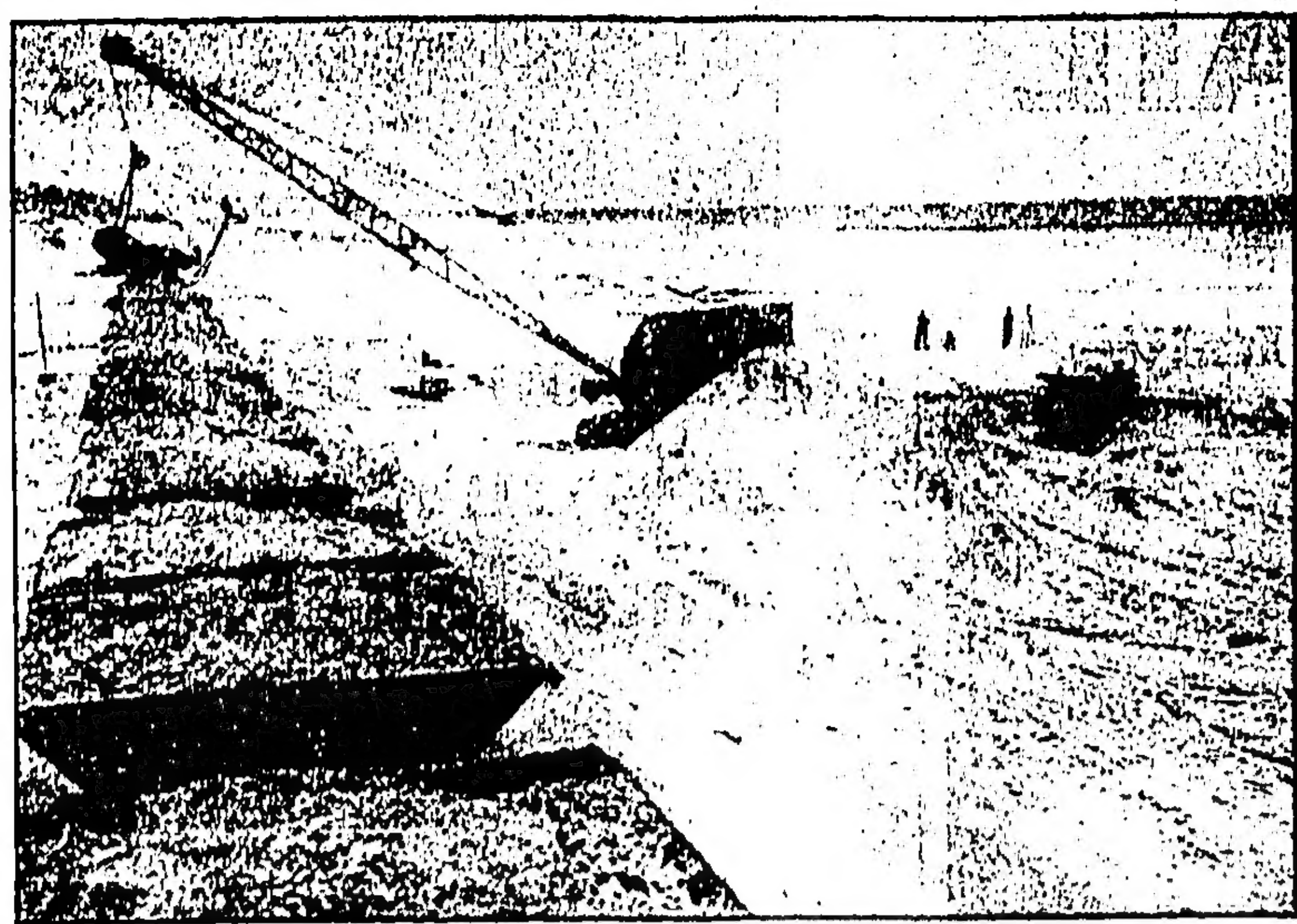
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Rutile being 'mined' on one of the Australian beaches. The mineral is used for the manufacture of titanium.

Australian Surf Beaches Boost The Jet Age

By George Farwell

From lovely beaches where once only the figures of occasional rod fishermen were seen, Australians are winning a new wealth of great importance to the world at large.

At first glance you would not give much for the material the bulldozers are digging up. It appears no more than unattractive black sand underlying the crisp white surface that glitters in a sub-tropical sun.

But this black sand has become a vital element in aerospace flight.

One of its main constituents is rutile, from which the metal titanium is being made. In Europe and the United States, without titanium, jet planes would not be able to break through the sound barrier, nor rocket-propelled missiles achieve speeds in excess of 2,000 miles an hour.

Titanium has been described as the wonder metal of modern industry. Tough and extremely light, it weighs about half as much as steel. It is now being used for high-speed aircraft in which its power-weight ratio is all-important. More than that, titanium is capable of standing up to terrific heat. The makers of jet engines are using the metal for compressor wheels, blades and casings, making it a vital metal before jet engines.

Sabre Jets

Each Sabre jet fighter, for instance, requires 800 lb. of titanium.

Today the United States is scouring the world for supplies large enough to meet manufacturing demands. In February 1954, the United States Air Force Material Command announced that it needed up to 150,000 tons of refined titanium each year. That is the equivalent of some 300,000 tons of rutile, for a material loss of nearly 50 per cent occurs in making titanium.

Consequently its production is essential. But titanium remains an essential material and, whatever the cost, the demand will continue to grow.

Australia, the world's chief source of rutile, was able to supply no more than 42,854 tons in the year ended June 30, 1953, representing little more than 20,000 tons of titanium. However, future supplies can be considerably increased, for large reserves exist along her Pacific shores.

The principal deposits lie on ocean beaches extending some 50 miles on both sides of the Queensland-New South Wales border. There is a 400-mile stretch along this coast where black sands are found, but only in this 50-mile sector has the rutile content been considered high enough to make recovery economic. Ten mining companies are now at work on beach sands between Stradbroke Island, east of Brisbane, and Byron Bay, 30 miles south of the border, in New South Wales.

The highest grade ore is found on this short section of coast. Proved reserves of heavy minerals there total nearly 2,000,000 tons. Some 750,000 tons of this is rutile.

Zircon

The other minerals found in these black sands are not much account at present, except zircon. This is widely used as a ceramic resistant in the making of glass, cement and ceramics. Australia's output of zircon for the year ended June 30, 1953, was 28,894 tons. Zirconite, which also occurs in

quantity, has been refined in titanium elsewhere in the world, but Australian deposits cannot be used because of a relatively high chromium content.

Gold, garnets and cassiterite also exist in very small quantities.

Until the first mining companies began operations just before World War II, the beaches had been almost undisturbed since nomadic aborigines kindled their camp fires there. They are some of the most beautiful beaches to be found anywhere on the face of the globe, with the blue Pacific lapping gently on the white sand. Only an occasional fisherman's shack among virgin scrub reminds you that civilization exists not so far away in the prosperous, thriving towns and holiday resorts of this fertile region.

Nature has designed these beaches admirably for the depositing of mineralised sands, which are washed out to sea by rivers from mountain country not far from the coast. However, prevailing winds are south-easterly. As a result the action of surf lapping about the heaviest concentration of black sand at the centre of northern end of each beach, where there is usually a headland or some other natural barrier to retard any further northward drift of the sand.

The timeless rhythm of wind and wave and the ebb and flow of tide have brought about this buried wealth.

The black sands—a concentration of rutile-zircon-ilmenite—are found in seams, largely between low tide and extreme high tide levels, buried beneath an overburden of firm white sand. The seams are generally thickest at the landward edge of a beach, tapering off towards the sea. Deeper deposits, perhaps 10 ft. down, are also to be found further back along the beaches, where tides no longer reach today.

The mining process is extremely simple. Nothing more is needed than a bulldozer or mechanised scoop and a diesel-operated dragline for loading ore into trains or motor trucks. But operations become more complicated when the ore reaches the nearby treatment plant.

Until a few years ago black sands were merely separated from the silica, then bagged and shipped overseas, mainly to the United States. Much waste material was included, which pushed up freight costs, and further separation had to take place at the other end to extract rutile from the rutile-zircon-ilmenite concentrate. The rest of the material had no economic use.

Modern Australian plants make a complete separation of the three minerals. Different methods are used, for some concentrates begin by removing the ilmenite with low intensity magnetic separators, leaving a rutile-zircon concentrate for further processing; others first

remove the zircon by electrostatic means.

The initial separation of black sands from silica is easily done, under Walley lakes that reject the lighter material by vibration.

The rutile-zircon-ilmenite concentrate comes away easily as each mineral has more than double the specific gravity of silica. Some plants treat lower grade sands with Humphrey spirals, a separation device in which sands are washed down a spiral sluice, while the heavy mineralised particles fall through a series of holes to be carried away for further treatment.



Plants using electrostatic methods feed the concentrate by conveyor belt into a 40 ft. long rotary kiln. This is an oil-fired furnace, serving the dual purpose of driving the damp material and heating it to the right temperature for subsequent processing. The temperature is all-important, for the next stage is a delicate one, involving electrostatic separation methods. Variations in heat particularly affect the separating machinery, such matters, for instance, as the speed of rollers and position of splitter-blades separating rutile-ilmenite from zircon, as well as the wear and tear on brushes. Temperature adjustments have also to be made to take a number of variables into account: the particular moisture content of the feed, rate of feed, outside temperatures and the humidity of the air.

The skilled operator, in fact, has to make adjustments for the weather. If a hot, dry westerly wind is blowing the feed will require less heat than on humid summer days.

Difference

Because of the slight difference in the specific gravity of the three minerals, their separation is by no means easy. (Zircon has a specific gravity of 4.5, rutile 4.4 and ilmenite 4.2).

The electrostatic method entails delivering a charge to the concentrate as it passes through complex separation machinery. The charge repels the zircon particles, which are collected on rubber rollers, while the rutile-ilmenite continues on in a separate stream for further treatment by a magnetic separator. Since ilmenite can be magnetised, but not rutile, the splitting away of these two minerals under a powerful magnet is relatively simple.

The companies which first separate the ilmenite employ much the same methods, but in a different order. Once zircon particles have been removed, they are subjected to further magnetic treatment to refine the product and extract any such impurities as garnet and monazite. The latter may one day prove of industrial value, for it contains a small percentage of thorium, which is a radioactive element. Thorium has valuable properties, for it can be used in the making of missiles and is also of interest to nuclear scientists.—A.N.I.B.

International Monetary Fund

Rigid Exchange Rates Not A Sham Stability

By Sydney S. Campell

London, July 27.

Last year, Britain and some other countries were forcibly arguing that the IMF's rigid exchange rates were only a sham stability. Flexibility, they said, would allow gradual adaptation, whereas a fixed exchange rate builds up to some shock. This necessitates government intervention (and, sometimes, a violent change) and meanwhile invites speculation against the currency.

Britain no longer advances these arguments—perhaps because she has since seen that the fixity also invites speculation in favour of her currency, which is much pleasanter.

Indeed both sides have shifted their ground: the IMF has come towards flexibility while Britain has moved away from it.

The IMF has not yet made its peace with Canada but, in the

recent case of Peru, it not merely tolerated but actually helped to finance a floating exchange rate.

The Bank for International Settlements inferred a change in the Fund's attitude.

STRETCH POINT

Britain and other European countries are unlikely to take advantage of it. As they are about to ask Mr. Rooth to stretch a point that they do want to his money—this would merely queue the line by also asking him to stretch the flexibility point which they do not at present want.

Attitudes to the IMF have become much more polite. This is not merely cupboard love.

Britain, formerly a very lukewarm devotee of non-discrimination and the other things that the IMF stands for, becomes its most devoted and sincere adherent.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Putting teeth into non-discrimination and the other Bretton Woods objectives is the only way to prevent the inevitable currency wars underpinning the convertible plan, by discriminations so as to amass sterling and other currencies to convert.

Moreover nobody has yet been able to think of anything better than an IMF-GATT advisory group as the forum and adviser in the past, both the IMF and GATT may have been a weariness of the flesh, but people simply could not face the intolerable tedium of having to re-negotiate them all over again. It would take years, and events in the markets are at present moving too fast.

LIFE OF OWN

It is plainly hoped that the Advisory Group, though without executive functions, will develop some life of its own, independent of its two parent bodies. Its membership would not resemble the IMF's whole-time directors, resident in Washington and in constant danger of losing touch with their own countries and with the world outside the District of Columbia. Keynes regarded it as a tragedy that the headquarters of the IMF should be in Washington, a political centre. Some Continental experts think that it will never do any good so long as it stays there, but they may be out of date.—Reuter.

New York Metal Futures

New York, July 27. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	Aug.	13.55
Tin	Aug.	13.54
July		13.50
Zinc	Aug.	65.90
July		65.75
Copper	Aug.	29.00
July		28.60

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, July 27. Prices of metal closed today at the end of the official morning session in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin spot	buyers	745
3-month		745
Copper spot	225 1/2	225
3-month	225 1/2	225
Lead	10 1/2	10 1/2
Zinc	10 1/2	10 1/2
July		10 1/2
Oct.		10 1/2

SAO PAULO MARKET

Sao Paulo, July 27. Cotton futures closing prices, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

New York, July 27.	
Santos "S" coffee futures today closed 29 to 41 points lower with sales of 180 contracts.	
Futures closings:	
Sept.	28.90
Dec.	29.00
Mar.	29.10
May	29.20
July	29.30
—United Press.	

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A Little Gift

MARRIAGE has cost Nowroji more than most men would be prepared to pay. It has cost him his parents' regard, and his portion of their wealth. For the time being, perhaps for ever, it has cost him his career.

Yet Nowroji does not complain, and if ever he thought, as he went about his humble work in the back regions of a big city, of the life that he might have led, he was careful to keep those thoughts to himself.

Last year Nowroji announced to his parents, in the Indian city where he lived, that he wanted to come to London to see the Coronation.

CUT OFF WITH AN ANNA

THEY disapproved. Not unreasonably they pointed out that such a visit would interfere with Nowroji's studies. He was working towards a science degree. He overcame the opposition.

Nowroji fell in love with Engrain first, and decided he preferred to continue his studies here, rather than in India. Then he fell in love with an English girl.

He wrote to his parents to tell them he hoped to marry the girl. His father wrote back to say that if he married an English girl he would be cut off with an anna.

Nowroji married the girl, and his father was so good as his word, for he was a strict adherent to his religion, and the thought of his son being married to an English girl deeply hurt and offended him.

HIS CHANCE

NOWROJI and his wife were on their own then. But they put their fears aside. They found a furnished room, and Nowroji found a job with a wage just about sufficient to allow them to live.

But Nowroji, who once had been rich, was always a little unhappy because he could no longer give the girl who was his wife, the kind of presents he thought a wife should have.

The sales came along. Nowroji saw his chance to buy a present for his wife. He went to the sales and got for her two cardigans. But he stole them instead of buying them, and he was caught.

HIS WIFE

HE pleaded guilty to the theft, when he was charged at Marlborough Street, and was remanded in custody for a week. Then, a policeman told the story to the magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, VC. He ended, and Mr. Charles Morgan, the probation officer, went into the witness-box.

"I think," he said, "this man has been very upset by being disowned by his family, who are very religious people. The wife for whom he stole these things is a very capable girl, who says that their married life is very happy. She says he is an excellent husband."

DESPICABLE

"WELL, you, who have known wealth, and have had such a good education, must realise how despicable this is," said the magistrate. "But this seems to me one of those rare cases where there really was a shortage of money."

"I'm not going to add another millstone to your present position. I shall treat the week in custody as the punishment—and a very heavy punishment—in your case. I shall discharge you absolutely now."

Half an hour later, I left the court. A pretty girl ran up to me on the steps. "Where is my husband?" she cried. "He's just been discharged, where can I find him?" She was Nowroji's wife.

There was a child's eager excitement in her voice, and one look at her was enough to confirm all that had been said of her in court. It was a pity Nowroji's parents had denied themselves that one look.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1954.

Stars On Holiday In Italy



Famous screen and stage stars off for a jeep ride while on holiday at Portofino, Italy, are Sir Laurence Olivier, Lilli Palmer, Jean Pierre Aumont, Vivien Leigh and Rex Harrison. — Express Photo.

Two Schoolmasters May Appeal To Privy Council

Provisional Leave Granted By Full Court

Provisional leave to appeal to the Privy Council was given this morning to Chu Yam-on schoolmaster and Cheung Lam-chau, Headmaster, both of the Sih Nam School of 1 Oaklands Path by the Full Court comprising Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and Mr Justice J. Reynolds.

This leave was granted on condition that the appellants pay \$5,000 into court within three weeks as security to continue the appeal.

Hearing of another application by the appellants for a stay of execution of the judgment given against them was adjourned sine die.

Mr John McNeill QC, and Mr S. V. Gittins (instructed by Mr F. H. Losely) appeared for the appellants who were defendants in the original action.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, (instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan) represented the respondents Li Tam Toi-hing, of 8 Kennedy Road, wife of Mr Li Koon-chun, prominent local merchant. She was the plaintiff in the original action which involved the alleged sale of the school premises during the Japanese occupation of Hongkong.

The Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, awarded judgment for the plaintiff giving her possession of the premises and mesne profits.

Hunt For Terrorists In Siam

Alor Star, Kedah State, July 28.

Siamese and Malayan forces yesterday ended a seven-day hunt for Red terrorists infiltrating into Siam from Malaya.

Two hundred Siamese constables joined Malayan forces in a border operation started by the Siamese authorities.

They set out on July 20 from the Malayan end of Padang Behar in the West and ended yesterday in the Siamese area of Klong Ngai in the East.

In the total distance of ten miles no contact was made with the terrorists but one camp with accommodation for 20 was rounded.

The Siamese were mainly responsible for long-distance patrols with Malayan police planning ambushes on possible escape routes.—United Press.

Mercantile Bank Dividend

The Board of Directors have recommended payment of an interim dividend of 7½% less Income Tax, payable 1st September, 1954.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the O.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
India, New Zealand, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, 8 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 8 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
Japan, Korea, 8 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, 8 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 8 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
India, New Zealand, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, 8 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 8 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
India, New Zealand, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, 8 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 8 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
India, New Zealand, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, 8 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 8 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
India, New Zealand, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, 8 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 8 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

Further generous donations have been received for the Fund opened by the South China Morning Post Ltd. in aid of the victims of the disastrous fire at Tai Hang Tung in Kowloon.

The South China Morning Post Ltd. will be pleased to receive and acknowledge further contributions.

Cheques should be made payable to the "Tai Hang Tung Fire Relief Fund" and all donations, however small, will be acknowledged.

Envelopes should be clearly marked "Fire Relief Fund". Mr & Mrs S. E. Faber \$ 100

Mr Justice T. J. and Mrs Gould 100
Toc H Ladies Section (H.K.) 50
B. G. W. Weiden 30
Anne Boyle 15

The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd., 2500
Margaret H. Brown 30
John D. Hutchison & Co. Ltd., Far East Motors Ltd., Blair Co. Ltd., 2500

J. L. C. Pearce 100
Previously acknowledged \$US100 and \$89,200

Total at Noon today \$US100 and \$94,625

Food Gift For 65 Starving Terriers

Plymouth, Indiana, July 27. Humane societies came to the rescue today with 150 pounds of dog food for 65 Manchester terriers found half-starved and ill-treated in a house near Donaldson, Indiana.

They also threw in some victuals for their caretaker, Grace Sincelle of Chicago, whose hunger just about matched those of the dogs.

But these measures still did not solve for Marshall County authorities the problem of what to do with the 65 yelping mutts. The authorities were looking for the dog's owner, identified as Lela Ervin, who rented the house two months ago.

Miss Sincelle said Lela Ervin hired her for \$5 a week plus board and room, to take care of the dogs. But, she said, she had received only \$1 so far and had not seen her employer for more than a week.—United Press.

Accidental Death Verdict

The verdict of accidental death was returned by a three-man jury this morning, at the inquest on Leung Ah-kai, 30-year-old boatwoman, and her three-year-old son, who drowned in Aberdeen, on March 29.

Mr. Poon Yan-hoi sat as coroner at the inquest, which was held at Central Sub-Inquest. Mr. Martin conducted the proceedings.

Marathon Filibuster Ends In Senate: Atomic Bill Passed

Washington, July 27.

The Senate ended its marathon filibuster to-night and passed the administration's bill to permit greater atomic exchange with U.S. allies and to let American industry produce atomic power.

The 13-day talkathon came to an abrupt end early in the morning when opponents of certain features of the measure—notably its private industry clauses—stopped talking and permitted the showdown vote.

Opponents had been expected to seek to kill the bill by turning it to the Senate House Atomic Committee, but this move failed to materialise.

Shortly before the final vote, the Senate approved an amendment by Senators William Langer and Olin D. Johnston designed to prevent monopolistic use of atomic energy patents by private industry.

The amendment provides that if any private atomic patents are used to violate anti-trust laws intentionally, a court may declare the patents forfeit and the property of the government. The vote on final passage was 57-28.

KNOWLAND ANGRY
Earlier in the day, Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland had angrily accused the foes of the bill of stalling the Senate "at a critical period in the nation's history."

The bill will now go to a Senate-House Conference Committee for adjustment of several sharp differences. The House—impatient at the Senate's delay—rushed its measure through to passage yesterday.

Both bills contain the major provisions sought by President Eisenhower, including authority—express or implied—for the Atomic Energy Commission to buy private power through the Tennessee Valley Authority.

This proviso touched off the longest Senate filibuster in recent years—a debate that also produced several new individual talking records.

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Opponents, chiefly Democrats, failed however to interfere with administration plans for an AEC deal with a southern power combine known as the Dixie-Yates group.

The Senate bill contains a specific proviso permitting the AEC to enter into such contracts for private power.

The House bill does not change the present law in that respect, but the House defeated a move to bar the contract. Chairman W. Sterling Cole of the Senate-House Atomic Committee said that action clearly upheld the administration's hand.—United Press.

U.S. Marine General In Hongkong

Major-General R. H. Pepper, of the U.S. Marine Corps, arrived from Taipei by U.S. military aircraft this morning for a two-day visit in Hongkong.

General Pepper who has been commanding officer of a Marine Division in Korea is on his way to Honolulu to assume command of all marines under the authority of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific.

General Pepper told reporters at the airport that he thought the Nationalist Chinese marines could land on any point on the China coast but whether they could hold it or not was another question.

The general also said that the Chinese Nationalist Air Force would be able to provide sufficient air coverage for landing operation by the marines.

Prior to his departure on Friday for Manila, General Pepper will call on his Excellency, Officer Administering the Government, Mr. R. B. Black, and Lt.-General C. S. Sugden, Commander British Forces, Hongkong, and other officials.

Salvation Army Official Arrives

Lieut.-Col. F. E. Jewkes arrived this morning in the RMS Canton from England to take over the post of Officer Commanding the Salvation Army, Hongkong. Col. Jewkes, who is succeeding Lieut.-Col. F. T. Walker, was accompanied by his wife.

Goodwill Visit Ends

The 11th Squadron of the Indian Navy under the Command of Rear-Admiral F. A. Ballance, CB, DSO, Flag Officer, Flotilla, left port this morning after a week's goodwill visit to the Colony. The Squadron comprised the cruiser Delhi and the destroyers Rajput, Ranjit and Ram.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I hate to disturb J. B. but I've got to see him several times today."